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SALARIES OF CONGRESSMEN ARE TOO LOW

Preponderance of Reasoning
in favor of Increase Not-
withstanding Defeat
of the Bill.

"Extras" Allowed Virtually
Amount to an Addition
to the Salary.

INSTANCE OF ONE CONGRESS-
MAN WHO SAVED TEN THOU-
SAND DOLLARS DURING FOUR
YEARS, AND HOW HE DID IT—
ANOTHER SPENDS TWICE THE
SALARY FOR CAMPAIGN EX-
PENSES ALONE.

By William Wolf Smith.
Washington, Dec. 19.—There were
many good arguments against an in-
crease in the salaries of members of
congress but in the opinion of your
correspondent, the preponderance of
reasoning is in favor of the increase,
notwithstanding the proposition has
been defeated. During the years I
have been stationed here I have had
some considerable experience with
members of the lower house. One of
them is worth relating.

A member from Indiana secured the
nomination from an overwhelmingly
republican district. He therefore had
substantially no campaign expenses.
It was a "two term" district and he
served four years returning to his
home with something over \$10,000 he
had saved while here. That would
seem to prove that it is a profitable
thing to be a member of congress.
But how did he do it? He traveled
and back on passes, bringing his
wife and daughters. Thus his mil-
lions more than paid the traveling ex-
penses of all of them. During the
session they lived in a very modest
boarding house and in a very frugal
manner. The daughter was enrolled
at his private secretary, which gave
the family \$1,200 a year additional.
Each member is allowed \$125 a year
for stationery which he can draw in
cash, if he prefers. This member
took his allowance in cash and used
the stationery of the committee to
which he was assigned. His books
and papers were franked to and from
his home by mail or express. During
the recess of congress he practiced
law which paid his living expenses at
home. Being a member of congress
he had no postage to pay. Thus his
income can be set down as follows:
Salary, \$5,000; clerk hire allowance
for daughter, \$1,200; stationery (cash)
\$125; mileage \$100; law practice
during six months one year and nine
months, average \$1,800, total income,
\$7,225. Expenses: berths and meals
en route \$50; board for three at \$40
a month, average session being 4 1/2
months, \$180; clothes and incidental
expenses while in Washington, \$1,000;
expenses at home, average 7 1/2
months a year, \$1,500; campaign ex-
penses \$50 a year; total expenses,
\$2,130. Thus he had about \$4,735 each
year to the good. It is not surprising
that he retired with more than \$10,
000 after four years service.

An Opposite Case.
Against this I would cite the case
of another member of my acquaintance
whose election expenses are about
\$20,000 every two years or more than
double the salary during the term.
He lives well and has a fairly ex-
pensive family. At the same time he
is not worth more than \$100,000 at
the very outside. Query: How can
he afford it?

Of course we can never pay our con-
gressmen enough to enable them to
make campaign against wealthy men
who are willing to expend from \$20,
000 to \$50,000 for the honor of going
to congress. But we can and should
pay them enough to enable them to
live respectably while here without
resorting to all sorts of petty devices,
and with being dependent on corpora-
tions for "retainers." When congress
does not pay in the end, we will have
more honest, straightforward legisla-
tion.

Although the country tolerated the
action of congress in increasing the
salary of the president by \$25,000 a
year under the pretext it was for
"traveling expenses," it would have
been more respect for the mem-
bers if they would frankly increase
their own pay rather than attempt to
gain the same end by increasing
the clerk hire allowance and arrange-
ments so they can collect it them-
selves.

TWO SAVANNAH FIREMEN KILLED

Savannah, Dec. 19.—Two firemen
were killed and an Assistant Chief
Munroe and another fireman injured by
an explosion at a fire at nine o'clock
last night.

LIVELY DEBATE FOLLOWED READING OF THE MESSAGE

MUTINY OF GARRISON

Ecuador Soldiers Revolt and
Run Amuck Because
They Had Not Been
Paid.

By Associated Press.
Guayaquil, Ecuador, Dec. 19.—Re-
ports were received here to-day that
the garrison of Loja mutinied on De-
cember 15 because they had received
no pay for sixty days.
The troops abandoned the barracks
after killing three of the officers, ran
through the streets firing in all di-
rections, pillaged stores and houses,
killing 25 persons and wounding
others.
Colonel Paez, commanding the gov-
ernment forces has gone to restore
quiet.
Colonel Serrano occupied Santa
Rosa without resistance the rebels re-
treating toward the frontier.

SECOND GAME OF THE CHURCH LEAGUE

Line-Up of the Two Basket-
ball Teams That Are to
Play To-Night.

Two fast teams representing the
Gadsden Street Methodist and the
Presbyterian churches will play a
game of basketball to-night in the
gymnasium of the Y. M. C. A. build-
ing. The game will be the second to
occur in the city this season and the
second of the series arranged by the
various teams of the church league
in connection with the Y. M. C. A.
The plays of the teams contesting
tonight are all experienced players,
some of them having been seen for
several seasons in local games. Both
teams have been practicing hard for
the game and it is expected that
they will prove to be very evenly
matched. They will line up as fol-
lows:
Presbyterians — Laney, center;
Lewis, right forward; Barrow, cap-
tain, left forward; Roberts, right
guard; Mallory, left guard.
Methodists — Hilburn, center;
Oerting, right forward; Williams, left
forward; Roberts, captain, right
guard; Duncan, left guard.
The game will begin promptly at
eight o'clock and a small admission
fee will be charged.

MISSOURI VS. STANDARD OIL

REPUBLIC OIL CO. NO LONGER
A COMPETITOR OF ROCKE-
FELLERS OCTOPIUS.

By Associated Press.
New York, Dec. 18.—C. L. Nicholas,
president of the Republic Oil Co.,
testifying to-day in the suit of the
Standard Oil and allied companies to
restrain them from doing business in
the state, said the usefulness of the
company had passed as a competitor
of the Standard, that all of
its business save that in Missouri,
which has been enjoyed, has been
turned over to the Standard of New
Jersey. The hearing will be contin-
ued tomorrow.

MURDERER CAPTURED

MATTHEW ROYAL ROUNDED UP
IN GEORGIA AFTER BEING
AT LARGE SINCE MAY.

By Associated Press.
Douglas, Ga., Dec. 19.—After con-
tinuing to live in this county and de-
fying the authorities since May 4 last,
with a reward offered for his cap-
ture, Matthew Royal was surprised
and captured to-day, charged with the
murder of J. L. Walker, by five of
the dead man's relatives and friends.
When he realized the situation Royal
surrendered without a struggle and
is now in jail.

GERMAN CRUISER BREMEN

Governor Notified that Ves-
sel Will Be at Pensa-
cola from Jan. 31
to Feb. 9.

Cruiser Panther Will Call at
Key West, But at No
Other Gulf Port.

CRUISER BREMEN CALLED AT
PENSACOLA TWO YEARS AGO
AND THE OFFICERS AND MEN
HAVE MANY FRIENDS IN THIS
CITY—MANY ENTERTAINMENTS
PLANNED.

By Associated Press.
Washington, Dec. 19.—Baron von
Sternberg, the German ambassador,
has advised the state department that
two German cruisers will visit
southern ports during January, Feb-
ruary and March.

The Panther will be at Key West
from January 6 to 10; the Bremen
at Galveston from January 21 to 23,
at Pensacola from January 31 to Feb-
ruary 9 and at Tampa February 11 to
28.

The governors of the several states
to be visited have been notified.

Much Satisfaction Here.
The announcement that the German
cruiser Bremen is to visit this port
next month to remain for more than
a week will give much satisfaction
in Pensacola. It was known that the
date was somewhat uncertain.

The vessel has visited Pensacola
upon a former occasion and the of-
ficers and men have many friends
here who will gladly greet them upon
their return after an absence of two
years.

The cruiser is to come direct to
Pensacola from Galveston, stopping
at none of the other gulf ports en
route, and will remain here until
February 9th, during which time the
officers and men will be entertained
at many functions.

MAILS ARE NOW BECOMING HEAVY

And the Force of Clerks at
the Postoffice Is Taxed
to Handle Business.

Mail matter which is being received
at the local postoffice, both to be for-
warded to various cities and coming
in from all directions, is now becom-
ing exceptionally heavy, and it is the
expectation that as Christmas ap-
proaches the business will become
heavier, and the force of clerks and
carriers in the city will be taxed to
handle the packages and letters.

During last week the amount of
matter sent to foreign countries from
this city was larger than known in
many years. Parties here who have
relatives in far-away countries were
sending packages and letters for
Christmas, and with this increase al-
most doubled the usual amount of
mail matter to the city.

The increase in the number of pack-
ages and parcels seems to be larger
than that of letters. It is expected at
the local office that the amount of
mail matter will grow each day until
Christmas, and there will be but little
rest for the employees of the post-
office.

KILLED BY FUMIGATION CAT BECOMES MUMMIFIED

Mrs. McClure, proprietor of the
Commercial Hotel on East Intenden-
cia street, is the possessor of the
body of a mummified cat. It is a sou-
venir of the period a year ago when
men homes were being fumigated.
The Commercial hotel was one of
the places fumigated, and in one of
the rooms of the place the pet cat of
the proprietor was later found dead.
It was found that the cat had fall-
en from the body of the cat and the
flesh seemed to be hardening, so the
owner decided to place the body in
some place and allow it to remain and
await developments. The body was
suspended where it could not be re-
ached and has now become a per-
fect mummy, similar to those ex-
humed from the tombs of ancient
Egypt.

ALDERMAN D'ALEMBERTE OUSTED FROM OFFICE

NO EMBARGO ON FREIGHT

Declared by C. of G., But
the Road Cannot Yet
Handle Offerings.

By Associated Press.
Savannah, Dec. 19.—The Central
Georgia Ry. denied to-day that last
night it had placed an embargo
against all freight except livestock
and highly perishable goods that come
into the city over connecting lines.
The notice also says that it will be
six or seven days before the road is
in a position to handle offerings ef-
fected by the notice. It is further
said, unofficially, that shipments from



A. H. D'ALEMBERTE.

SECRETARIES HITCHCOCK AND WILSON ON THE RACK

Sharply Criticised by Special Senate Committee for Ac-
tion in Illegally Withdrawing Four Million Acres
of Indian Ter. Lands From Allotment.

By Associated Press.
Washington, Dec. 19.—Avoing
the withdrawal from allotment of
nearly four million acres of land in
the Indian Territory belonging to the
five tribes, but protesting that the
action was in the interests of the
Indians, Secretaries Hitchcock and
Wilson explained their action before
the special senate committee to-day.
Secretary Hitchcock said he had
asked the agricultural department to
report upon the request of Jack Gor-
don, of Paris Texas, and others, that
they be permitted to buy two hundred
thousand acres for a game preserve.
The forest service of the department
made an adverse report and asked
that the lands be withdrawn for forest
reserve. Secretary Hitchcock said
in granting this request he had
only temporarily suspended the opera-
tion of the law for the purpose of de-
termining the best interests of the
Indians.

Senator Teller of the committee
then declared: "You have no right to
suspend operation of a statute one
minute." Senator Clark (Wyoming)
Long and Brandegee united in con-
demnation of the action.
Turning to Secretary Wilson Sena-
tor Long asked his authority and the
secretary replied that he had not
looked for one, but that he believed
it would be better for the Indian than
to turn his land into a game preserve.
He said the resolution was taken after
solicitors of the department had de-
cided in its favor and then declared:
"It's up to you, gentlemen whether
you take it or not."
Senator Clark declared it was
"up to the secretary of the interior to
do as the law tells him to do."
After Chief Forester Pinchot had
been heard Senator Clark, speaking
for his three conferees, said: "Secre-
tary Hitchcock should not take thirty
minutes in telegraphing orders to per-
mit the allotment to proceed."

MANY LIVES LOST IN STEAMBOAT DISASTER

WILL ENDEAVOR TO SAVE OLD RELIC

Guillotine in Rear of Spanish
House Will Be Preserved
If Possible.

The old Spanish guillotine, which
was found in the rear of the old
house on East Intendencia street,
which was occupied by the Inten-
dente, or mayor of Pensacola during
the rule of the Spaniards, will be
preserved if it is possible and if in-
formation can be secured that will
prove that it was used for the pur-
pose as stated. Mayor Bliss has
taken up the matter and is making
an investigation and if it can be done
he desires to secure the relic for the
city and have it moved to some point
where it can be seen by visitors to
the city.

It is said that the residence was
the Spanish headquarters at one time
when they occupied Pensacola, and
that the guillotine was placed in the
rear of the house, where these sen-
tenced to death were beheaded. The
guillotine is of brick and is rather
peculiarly constructed, but it is stated
that it was used for the purpose
named.

The house, which is supposed to be
one of the oldest in the city, is
being demolished for the reason that
the storm of September so badly
damaged the structure that the city
would not grant a permit for repairs
to be made, owing to the fact that
the building is within the fire limits.

Steamer Scovell Blown Up in Mississippi Near Vicks- burg Yesterday.

FIVE WHITE MEN AND TEN NE-
GROES KNOWN TO HAVE PER-
ISHED — DETAILS OF THE
CATASTROPHE ARE MEAGRE
OWING TO DELAY IN RETURN
OF RELIEF VESSELS.

By Associated Press.
Vicksburg, Dec. 19.—The steambot
W. T. Scovell was destroyed by the
explosion of her boilers to-day and
of the passengers and crew of fifty,
officers say that one half are as yet
unaccounted for.

Certainly more than ten negroes
are dead, and the identified white
dead are: Capt. John Quackenboss,
Clerk Wade Quackenboss, Lavell
Yerger, Clerk Joseph Smith, Charles
McKenna. One passenger and two
pilots of the injured, have been re-
scued.

It is impossible to secure addition-
al details of the catastrophe tonight
since the return of boats gone to
furnish assistance is delayed.

BISHOP MCCADE DIED WEDNESDAY

By Associated Press.
New York, Dec. 19.—Bishop Charles
C. McCabe, of the Methodist Episco-
pal church, died in the New York
hospital at 5:20 a. m., to-day. Death
was due to apoplexy, with which the
bishop was stricken several days ago
while passing through this city on his
way to his home in Philadelphia.
Mrs. McCabe and the bishop's niece,
who have been with him almost
constantly since he was stricken,
were at the bedside when the noted
divine passed away.

After Hearing the Evidence
Judge Carter Orders the
Jury to Find Verdict
For Plaintiffs.

Not a Resident of Precinct
12, Which He Represent-
ed in Council.

DEFENSE ENDEAVORED TO
PROVE THAT MR. D'ALEM-
BERTE'S REMOVAL FROM PRE-
CINCT WAS ONLY TEMPORARY,
BUT WITHOUT SUCCESS —
PLAINTIFFS PROVED HE OF-
FERED TO PURCHASE PROP-
TY IN OTHER PRECINCTS.

According to the verdict of the
jury, rendered shortly after 9 o'clock
last night, A. H. D'Alemberte, who
has been alderman from precinct No.
12, is no longer eligible to represent
that precinct in the City Council. The
verdict of the jury, which was ren-
dered according to instructions from
the court, ousts the alderman from
the office which he had been holding
for nearly two years, and unless some
other proceeding is instituted by the
defendant the City Council will be
called upon to fill the vacancy.

Some months since a quo warranto
proceeding was instituted by citizens
residing in precinct No. 12. This pro-
ceeding had as its motive the ousting
of the alderman from office upon the
ground that he was not eligible to
hold the position of alderman from
precinct No. 12 by reason of the fact
that he was not a resident of the
precinct, and had not resided in it
since his election to office, but that
he was a resident of another precinct.

The Case Set for Trial.
When the papers in the case were
presented to Judge Carter some
months since he announced that the
case would be heard in Pensacola on
December 19, and yesterday morning
it was called. A jury to hear the
testimony was secured as follows:
J. A. Kirkpatrick, P. D. DeVine, D.
M. Henderson, Harry Caplain, J. W.
Sutherland and James Nix.

Blount & Blount appeared for the
defendant and R. P. Reese and Jones
& Pasco for the plaintiffs, and the
examination of witnesses was com-
menced. Twenty-three witnesses were
on the stand during the day, among
them being Dr. C. F. Marsh, A. V.
Clubb, Chas. H. Turner, W. B.
Wright, S. F. Fulghum, Wm. R. John-
son, L. E. Brooks, Thos. Pebley, H.
O. Anson, J. Whiting Hyer, J. W.
Lusk and others.

The defense endeavored to prove
that Alderman D'Alemberte's removal
from precinct No. 12 was only tem-
porary and that it was caused by
the fact that he was unable to se-
cure a suitable home for his family,
and furthermore witnesses were in-
troduced to show that many months
since he had purchased lots in pre-
cinct No. 12 upon which to build a
home for his family, where he in-
tended making his permanent resi-
dence. It was also shown by the
defense, by the testimony of Chas. H.
Turner and A. V. Clubb, that he had
called upon them relative to the erec-
tion of a home, but on account of the
scarcity of labor and advance in ma-
terial he had been advised not to
build at that time. By Architect Ful-
ghum it was shown that he had com-
menced at one time drawing plans
for the home. This evidence, the de-
fense contended, was ample to prove
the intention of Mr. D'Alemberte to
return to precinct No. 12 as soon as
possible, and that his residence out-
side was due to circumstances and
that it was only temporary.

The plaintiffs, however, introduced
witnesses to prove that he had offered
to purchase residences in other pre-
cincts, particularly the residence of
Dr. C. F. Marsh. The plaintiffs also
endeavored to prove by the testimony
of Thos. Pebley and J. Whiting Hyer
that the latter were agents for resi-
dences that were for rent during the
time that Mr. D'Alemberte was resi-
ding outside of the precinct, and by
Leslie E. Brooks that Mr. D'Alemberte
had offered to sell him the lots which
the alderman had purchased in pre-
cinct 12.

The testimony was concluded late
in the afternoon, and the arguments
of the attorneys, in which many
authorities were cited, consumed sev-
eral hours, not concluding until about
9 o'clock last night.

Judge Carter then announced that
while it was not customary to in-
struct juries as to the verdict in a
case of this nature, he would exer-
cise the power and instruct the jury
to return a verdict in favor of the
plaintiffs. The verdict was written
by one of the attorneys and signed
by J. A. Kirkpatrick as foreman.